

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

SENATE. Provides relative to the adoption of resolutions.

A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Senate Rule 7.6(E) and 10.9(A) of the Rules of Order of the Senate to provide relative to the procedure applicable to the adoption of resolutions.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana that Senate Rule 7.6(E) and 10.9(A) of the Rules of Order of the Senate are amended and readopted to read as follows:

Rule 7.6. Legislative instruments and other documents; introduction copies, printing; language indicators in bills; deadline for legislation requests

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E. (1) On the day on which a bill appears on the regular calendar for final passage, a copy thereof and any supplemental digest shall be placed in the Final Passage Book on the desk of each member. ~~Such~~ **The** bills shall be arranged as listed on the regular calendar, separately for Senate and House bills.

**(2) On the day on which a resolution or concurrent resolution appears on the regular calendar to be adopted, the resolutions or concurrent resolutions shall be posted on the official legislative website, and shall be arranged as listed on the regular calendar, separately for Senate and House resolutions and**

concurrent resolutions. Resolutions and concurrent resolutions that pertain to notifying the House of Representatives or the governor that the Senate has convened or is ready to adjourn, or to the holding of a joint session of the legislature, shall be exempt from this requirement.

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Rule 10.9. Resolutions; introduction and referral; suspension of laws

A. Each resolution shall be read upon introduction in the Senate and shall be referred to an appropriate committee on the next legislative day following the day of introduction. The requirement of referral to committee shall not apply to perfunctory resolutions, such as those pertaining to adjournment or to a resolution introduced for the purpose of calling an election for the election of the President pursuant to Rule 3.2, the election of the President Pro Tempore pursuant to Rule 3.4, for the election of the Secretary pursuant to Rule 3.6 or for the election of the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to Rule 3.8. ~~A perfunctory~~ **Only a resolution pertaining to notifying the House of Representatives or the governor that the Senate has convened or is ready to adjourn or the holding of a joint session of the legislature** may be taken up and acted upon immediately upon introduction. **Otherwise, no resolution may be taken up and acted upon until it is listed on the order of the day for that legislative day.**

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The original instrument was prepared by Jerry J. Guillot. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

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DIGEST

Claitor

SR No.

Present rule requires that on the day on which a bill appears on the regular calendar for final passage a copy of the bill and any supplemental digest be placed in the Final Passage Book on the desk of each member. Present rule further provides that such bills are to be arranged as listed on the regular calendar, separately for Senate and House bills.

Proposed rule retains present rule and further provides that on the day on which a resolution or concurrent resolution appears on the regular calendar to be adopted, the resolutions or concurrent resolutions are to be posted on the official legislative website, arranged as listed on the regular calendar, separately for Senate and House resolutions and concurrent resolutions. Proposed rule further provides that resolutions and concurrent resolutions

pertaining to notifying the House of Representatives or the governor that the Senate has convened or is ready to adjourn, or to the holding of a joint session of the legislature, are exempt from this requirement.

Present rule requires that each resolution be referred to an appropriate committee on the next legislative day following the day of introduction. Present rule further provides that the requirement of referral to committee does not apply to perfunctory resolutions, including those pertaining to adjournment or to a resolution introduced for the purpose of calling an election for the election of the President pursuant to Rule 3.2, the election of the President Pro Tempore pursuant to Rule 3.4, for the election of the Secretary pursuant to Rule 3.6 or for the election of the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to Rule 3.8.

Proposed rule retains present rule.

Present rule provides that a perfunctory resolution may be taken up and acted upon immediately upon introduction.

Proposed rule provides that only a resolution pertaining to notifying the House of Representatives or the governor that the Senate has convened or is ready to adjourn or the holding of a joint session of the legislature may be taken up and acted upon immediately upon introduction, and otherwise no resolution may be taken up and acted upon until it is listed on the order of the day for that legislative day.

(Amends Senate Rule 7.6(E) and 10.9(A))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Deletes provision of proposed law that a paper copy of a resolution is to be placed in the Final Passage Book on the desk of each Senate member on the day it is to be adopted, excluding resolutions pertaining to notifying the House or the governor that the Senate has convened or is ready to adjourn, the holding of a joint session, or extending condolences or commendations.
2. Adds provision that on the day on which a resolution or concurrent resolution appears on the regular calendar to be adopted, the resolutions or concurrent resolutions are to be posted on the official legislative website, arranged as listed on the regular calendar, separately for Senate and House resolutions and concurrent resolutions, excluding resolutions that pertain to notifying the House or the governor that the Senate has convened or is ready to adjourn, or to the holding of a joint session.